



Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

— *Lee Holloway* —  
Chairman of the Board

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**CHAIRMAN HOLLOWAY MAKES FINAL THREE APPOINTMENTS TO  
MILWAUKEE COUNTY PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION**

*Louis Fortis will Chair panel; Daniel Steininger and Rafael Acavedo also appointed*

**Milwaukee, WI** – Milwaukee County Board Chairman Lee Holloway has filled the three remaining appointments to the Milwaukee County Parks Advisory Commission:

- **Louis G. Fortis**, Publisher and Editor-in-Chief of the *Shepherd Express* weekly newspaper, will Chair the Commission. Fortis is a former State Representative, founded the Milwaukee International Film Festival and serves on numerous community boards. The *Shepherd Express* is the third-largest newspaper in Wisconsin and has published numerous articles in recent years regarding the County Parks.
- **Daniel J. Steininger**, President of strategic consulting firm Steininger & Associates, previously served 25 years as Chairman and CEO of Catholic Knights Insurance. He is a grandson of former Milwaukee Mayor Daniel Webster Hoan, who was a strong and active supporter of the then City park system that gave shape to our modern County parks.
- **Rafael Acavedo**, Executive Director of Public Allies Milwaukee, a leadership training agency that fosters organization learning through community outreach. Mr. Acavedo also served as Executive Director of the Latino Health Organization and other nonprofit groups.

“These three individuals will bring a wide variety of perspectives to the table,” Chairman Holloway added. “Mr. Fortis will provide strong leadership and his high profile in the media is a plus. I look forward to seeing what this new Commission delivers to help preserve Milwaukee County’s Parks System.”

Last month, Chairman Holloway appointed historian **John Gurda**, U.S. Administrative Judge **Henry Hamilton III**, Attorney **F. William Haberman**, and Community Outreach Manager **Penelope Stewart** to the Commission. The Parks Advisory Commission will provide policy and funding guidance to the County Board on issues such as budget, preservation and maintenance needs of the County Parks. The appointments are subject to confirmation by the full County Board. The Parks, Energy & Environment Committee could consider the appointments as early as July 10.

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